

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of January 8, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the scanner scans a surface of a document, an archiving means is arranged to archive the scanned document in the computer system as the digital version, a coded data generator is arranged to generate coded data which identifies the digital version, and that the printer prints the copy of the digital version of the scanned document and incorporates the coded data in the printed copy. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 19, line 8-page 20, line 11 of the present specification;

dependent claims 2 and 3 are cancelled;

dependent claims 5-7 and 9 are amended to conform with amended claim 1; and

dependent claims 4 and 8 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 4-9 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Lopresti in view of Winter and/or Dymetman, because none of Lopresti, Winter and Dymetman teach or suggest a copier which scans a document, archives a digital version of the scanned document, assigns a identity to the digital version as coded data and prints a copy of the digital version with the coded data, as is required by the claimed invention..

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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